Twelve Staples Show Net Drop Of 13c in Week

Fair Price Committee Gives Out First List for Two Weeks, Showing Steady Decline in Many Foods

Grocers Praised for Aid

Fresh Butter, Down 6 Cents, Leads in Decrease, With Potatoes Alone Rising

The Fair Price Committee issued a staple foodstuffs price list yesterday after an interval of two weeks, during which it steadfastly refused to quote advances regarded by it as not justified by market conditions.

In making public the price list yesterday, Federal Food Administrator Arcost of staple foodstuffs had dropped sufficiently to warrant the committee's placing of its approval stamp on them. He said that the public had not been affected by the increase in prices of two weeks ago, as retailers had failed to reflect the advances in the wholesale market on their quotations. Grocers were to be heartily commended for their cooperation, the Food Administrator said. Federal agents had informed him of the stability of retail prices in this city, he announced.

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Twelve staple foodstuffs dropped in price since last week, the Fair Price Committee's list shows. Only one commodity, potatoes, increased in cost. Fresh butter records the banner decline, six cents from last week's price and seven cents from that of two weeks ago. Storage butter fell two cents, to 64, while cheese fell off a half cent, to 39.5 cents. Selected candled fresh eggs tumbled five cents from last Wednesday's quotation and nine cents from that of Monday. Yesterday's quotation on them was 81 and 83 cents a dozen.

The top prices of canned corn and canned tomatoes are two-thirds and five-sixths cents lower, respectively. The low price of flour shows a decline in both sizes of evaporated milk are also reported. Onions have dropped one-half cent a pound since last week, with rolled oats rolling down one-quarter cent. The net numerical decrease of the commodities on the list is 13 cents from the prices which would have been quoted if a list had been issued last week and four cents below the quotations on the last published list.

New Fair Price List

New Fair Price List Mr. Williams declared that he be-lieved the Fair Price Committee's stand in refusing to approve unwarranted increases, had brought about the re-duction. This was aided by the attitude of the retailers, Mr. Williams said. The fair price list for this week follows:

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She Stopped Profiteering in Blood



Miss Lillian Jedlicka

student-nurse of the Flower Hospital, whose voluntary offer of her blood for transfusion broke up the "blood profiteering" ring which has raised the price from \$25 to \$55.

Williams Fights Williams Fights Bread Price Rise; Would Cut Profit Retailers Will Be Asked to Alleged Kidnaping Like Dickens's Tale Of Little Nell Parallel Conceded by Father Of Conceded by Father

Alleged Kidnaping

Retailers Will Be Asked to Keep Cost to Consumer Stationary in Event That Wholesale Figure Advances

Julius H. Barnes, head of the United States Grain Corporation, will be asked by Federal Food Administrator Arthur Williams to-day to attend the conference next week of the administrator and wholesale bakers regarding a possible increase in the price of flour had advanced from \$12 a harmonistrator of flour had advanced from \$12 a harmonistrator and wholesale by the bakers that the price of flour had advanced from \$12 a harmonistrator and wholesale by the bakers that the price of flour had advanced from \$12 a harmonistrator and wholesale by the bakers that the price of flour had advanced from \$12 a harmonistrator of flour had advanced from \$12 a harmonistrator and wholesale by the bakers that the price of flour had advanced from \$12 a harmonistrator of flour had advanced from \$12 a harmonistrator of flour had advanced from \$12 a harmonistrator of flour had advanced the conference of flour available for pread baking. If necessary, Mr. Williams said that he wanted to discuss with Mr. Barnes the justification for any increase in the price of bread and also the varieties of flour available for bread baking. If necessary, Mr. Williams said that he wanted to discuss with Mr. Barnes the justification for any increase in the price of bread and also the varieties of flour available for bread baking. If necessary, Mr. Williams said, he might suggest that a different variety of flour than that used at present be empolyed in bread baking, provided the best quality only went into it.

Has Faith in Retailers

Mr. Williams said that he places great reliance in the 25,000 dealers who handle bread in this city.

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Staten Island Car Lines to **Stop Monday**

City Will Take Steps to Pro-vide Transportation, Says Burr; Told of Tie-Up Due to Refusal of 7-Cent Fare

Rut Up to Estimate Board

Decision on Legal Measures To Be Taken Is Expected at the Meeting To-day

All the trolley lines of the Midland tion of Staten Island, will cease operation next Monday at midnight. The

tion service."

Mr. Burr said that the whole matter of Staten Island transportation would be taken up by the Board of Estimate at its meeting to-day, and that he probably would be instructed then just uation was presented to the last meet fifteen citizens of Staten Island, who recommended that an increase of fare pany's perpetual franchise.

After attacks by Mayor Hylan and facts presented, the petition of the cit. zens' committee was put over for a bers of the board, including Calvin Van Name, Borough President of Rich-

The JOHN WANAMAKER February SALE OF FURNITURE

Begins This Morning—Ahead of Time

It is of far greater importance to the people than any FURNITURE SALE in our history

> "Anybody who expects to need furniture during the next two or three years ought to get it now." So said an expert who is making an investigation of the lumber and furniture industries

years," he said, "there will be high as \$50. 5,000 less lumber centers in in lumber getting.

turers are almost entirely little left for furniture use. stripped of workable lumber, with far less than normal supplies to draw upon.

month in the South. Heavy rains last October prevented any timber of consequence than I have, said the lumber- easier-to-make goods. being cut.

"Gumwood sixty days ago was \$85 a thousand. Today it is \$125-and you can't GET it even at that price.

"Mahogany and mahogany veneers are scarce and at prohibitive prices. In 1917, veneers sold at \$10 a thousand years ago. They feet. A week ago they were are still rising.

"Within the next five \$21. Yesterday they sold as

the South-lumbered out- The best grain is in the and 90,000 men less engaged stumps, near the ground. Cutting for airplane material during the war when length was needed, the stumps were "Today furniture manufac- cut so low there was mighty

> was asked by a large concern to place an order. He gave an order equaling the reserve in the old days.

have to split it up among all my cus-

"The furniture industry of America is in a very difficult position.

"Prices will never go back to We might add

There was no furniture market in Grand Rapids this

They went through the form of holding one, but there was no furniture to see, no into effect since December 1 furniture to buy.

And these are some "One chair manufacturer of the reasons why-

Many retailers (we were not among them) cancelled "October is the big logging stock he used to keep on hand furniture orders after the armistice was signed; and manufacturers went after "'Why, that's more lumber more certain business and

> manufa c turers placed broadcast large orders for

There came a for closed motor

tainable by makers of bedroom furniture.

Plate glass is sold ahead for a year, at highest prices in its history—a fifty per cent. increase having gone

The supply of shellacwhich comes from India-is far below the demand.

Nail makers are doing a favor by selling them for \$6 a keg. They were \$4 in Decem-

Phonograph upholstery fabrics—leather—
EVERYTHING going into the manufacture of furniture has gone up in price, and is

Furniture manufacturers tremendous call tailers buy their goods. used to be glad to have re-

cars, and plate Today retailers are glad to glass used for have the manufacturers sell mirrors became — and deliver—their goods to less and less ob-

We foresaw the furniture shortage a year ago. And we set out to make sure that it should not interfere with the February service the people expect of Wanamaker's

Square your shoulders, throw up your head, and step forward to the difficult task, and you'll win out. Some call it luck. Some, good fortune.

Call it anything you like, but-

We set out a year ago to prepare for this February Sale, with 30 years' experience in the furniture business, and a knowledge of the market.

We went here, and there, everywhere; looking, buying, easing up a situation here, smoothing out another there, finding new sources of supply of the kind of furniture our customers want, trying to keep prices down, trying to get good assortments, making slow progress,

Only a couple of months ago-

there came to us a totally unexpected offer involving almost half a million dollars.

The buyer was to pay cash, and move the goods. The price was lower than has obtained on furniture of equal grade for fifteen months.

We examined the furniture. Found it to be OUR kind. Paid cash for it. Crated it all. Trucked it to the railroad more than 470 tons of furniture, in more than 7,000 crates | diate selection and February purchase.

and packages, requiring more than 120 cars to bring it to

the greatest single purchase in retail furniture history ever made by one firm.

The February Sale was sure.

This furniture is now on our floors and in our warehouse, and, together with our regular stocks on hand and a stream of cars coming from factories all over the country. makes us READY-ready to begin to fill the demand for good furniture, and for a saving in its cost, NOW.

So we start the sale today (1) because we are ready, and (2) because it will make for economy of operation in handling the great volume of business, to spread it over these few extra days in January.

This latter fact has been figured in the prices, so that our customers will benefit by the economies of the earlier beginning of the sale.

The few extra days will be welcomed by home-makers who want furniture now.

Choose now, and take now, if you want.

Choose now, and take after February 1st. if you prefer. For, to those who have not planned to purchase before February 1st, we have arranged to extend the courtesy of imme-

More than a Million Dollars of Furniture Here The WANAMAKER kind, at genuine savings of 10 to 33 Per Cent.

What we have set down above about furniture conditions we have set down because we felt it our duty so to do. We are not primarily SELLERS of goods. We are engaged in the very serious business of supplying the people's needs. Any information we get about goods the people need is at the service of the people for their enlightenment, to be acted upon as and when each one sees fit. We have never been so happy at the result of our work as we are with the service we are ready to render, beginning this morning, in this February Sale of Furniture. .

Bedroom furniture, dining-room furniture, living room furniture, library furniture, hall furniture, upholstered pieces, porch furniture, small novelty furniture—EVERY PIECE of home furniture in the Wanamaker Galleries on the fifth and sixth floors of the New Building is in the sale at a reduced price—except the office furniture and the antique and special order furniture in Les Galeries Belmaison and Au Quatrieme.

No furniture sold to dealers.

